

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) South Eglinton Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (SERRA)

Monday, May 14, 2018 at Greenwood College School, 443 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Toronto

MINUTES

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

- Welcome by Andy Gort, SERRA President and Chair for the 2018 AGM.
- The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.
- Allan Hardy, Principal, Greenwood School was recognized.
- Andy thanked Greenwood School staff for their help to organize this AGM. SERRA participated in mediation with Greenwood School and the City of Toronto at the time of the school expansion. Provision of AGM space at no cost was part of the formal mediation agreement, and this has worked out well.
- Andy described the agenda for the meeting, the guest speakers and the information booths making up the Development Fair in the hall.

MINUTES OF THE May 8, 2017 AGM

- Minutes of last year's AGM were distributed to members at tables in the hall.
- The minutes had also been posted on the SERRA website.
- One correction was requested, to the spelling of Elizabeth Ridler's name.
- Motion to accept the minutes, as amended, by Jane Auster, seconded by Rosemary Corbett.
CARRIED

FINANCES – TREASURER'S REPORT

- President Andy Gort presented the Treasurer's Report.
- Motion to accept the accounts by Elizabeth Ridler, seconded by Jane Auster. CARRIED
- Financial statements are available to SERRA members on request.

ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- All current Board members, with the exception of Matias Valente are willing to continue to serve on the Board for the upcoming year.
- In addition, John Hiddema had indicated an interest in becoming a Board member. He said a few words about himself including his experience with school and development issues and the Midtown Hub.
- The following list of members was presented for election to the Board:
 - Andy Gort
 - Jane Auster
 - Paul Newbigging
 - Al Kivi
 - Geoffrey Jones
 - Dale Mathews
 - Rosemary Corbett
 - Lilly McIsaac
 - Charles Iscove
 - John Hiddema
- Motion to elect all persons on the list to be members of the Board of Directors of SERRA in the year to come, by Shelley Laskin, seconded by Carole Smith. CARRIED
- Acknowledgement was also made of the contribution to Heritage issues by Sharon Mourer and Amy Isaac.

SPEAKERS

- Josh Matlow - Toronto City Councillor
 - Josh acknowledged the work of SERRA.
 - He spoke about a number of broader issues: transition from OMB to local appeals body, Midtown in Focus – review of secondary plan, transit issues, road safety (“Vision Zero”).
 - He also spoke about a number of specific local developments including: the settlement regarding 18 Brownlow; 1951 Yonge St.; Briton House; the bus barn at Yonge and Eglinton and the new Cudmore Creek park at Manor Road United Church where the new playground will be named after Mona Piper.
- Joanne Hensel, the founding president of SERRA (1965), was acknowledged.
- Andy Gort – President of SERRA
 - Andy spoke about a number of SERRA activities including:
 - TLAB and Al Kivi’s work as Chair of the Tall Homes Working Group,
 - Heritage activities,
 - Environmental activities (Tree for Me, possible tree inventory, proposal for a walking path from Eglinton to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery,
 - Tall Buildings (currently about 25 developments in our area),
 - SERRA’s new website, and
 - Work with planning organizations.
- Shelley Laskin - Toronto District School Board Trustee
 - Shelley had made a paper update available at the meeting.
 - She talked about the TDSB multi-year strategic plan and debates set up with candidates in the upcoming provincial election.
 - Shelley also indicated that the School Board reviews all development applications and gets party status at tribunals, where appropriate.
- Paul Farrish, Senior Planner, City of Toronto – Midtown in Focus (MIF)
 - Paul spoke about the pressure on the community to maintain quality of life.
 - Much input from SERRA and other residents’ associations has been reflected in the MIF secondary plan.
 - The plan, which is very detailed, would be available online in about one week.
- Jennifer Pagliaro – Toronto Star
 - Jennifer provided her insights on a number of issues which go beyond our neighbourhood such as the upcoming provincial election, the OMB and transit issues.
 - She took questions from the floor related to affordable housing, the Scarborough subway and heritage issues.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE 2018 SERRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

After some general questions from the audience and closing remarks by SERRA President Andy Gort, at 8:55 PM John Hiddema moved to close the meeting, seconded by Jane McKinnon. CARRIED

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